



# 2025 JUNIOR EXPLORER

Junior Explorer is a FREE family-friendly program at The Parklands that is open to all ages, that focuses on a special nature topic each time. Drop in at any time during the event for themed activities and check back closer to the event date to get a full list of scheduled happenings you won't want to miss.

**Join the Parklands' education team, community partners, and special vendors to explore our natural world with themed activities, games, hikes, crafts, and more!**

## FEBRUARY 15 - WINTER WARRIORS

**PNC Achievement Center & Gheens Lodge, Beckley Creek Park**

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

How does nature survive the winter? Join us as we discover amazing plant and animal adaptations that help them be warriors of winter! Examine animal artifacts, search for winter hideouts, get cozy inside by building burrows and maybe even meet some winter warriors in person!

## MAY 17 - TURTLE DERBY

**Ogle Foundation Woodland Pavilion, Broad Run Park**

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Back by popular demand, join us as we witness the slowest two minutes in sports at the Fifth Annual Turtle Derby! In celebration of World Turtle Day, we will celebrate our own local shell-ebrities who have been working hard at their respective nature centers. Last year, the newest Parklands educational ambassador, Ranger May, made a name for herself in a thrilling, come-from-behind victory. Participate in turtle-themed hikes, crafts, games, and see who will take the top spot this year!

## SEPTEMBER 13 - FISH FEST

**PNC Achievement Center & Creekside Center, Beckley Creek Park**

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Did you know The Parklands is home to over 40 species of fish? We would love to introduce some of them to you! Stop by during Fish Fest to take a casting class, enjoy fishing demos, and learn about what lives in our streams. Get a chance to catch fish in our creek with fishing poles or dipper nets, and stick around for fish themed crafts and games—it's going to be fin-tastic!



Learn more about Junior Explorer and other Parklands programs and events at **THEPARKLANDS.ORG/EVENTS.**



**Are you an organization or vendor who would like to join the fun?**

Contact Olivia Hardin at [ohardin@theparklands.org](mailto:ohardin@theparklands.org) for more information about how you can get involved!